

Forests are Fun!

Activity Book



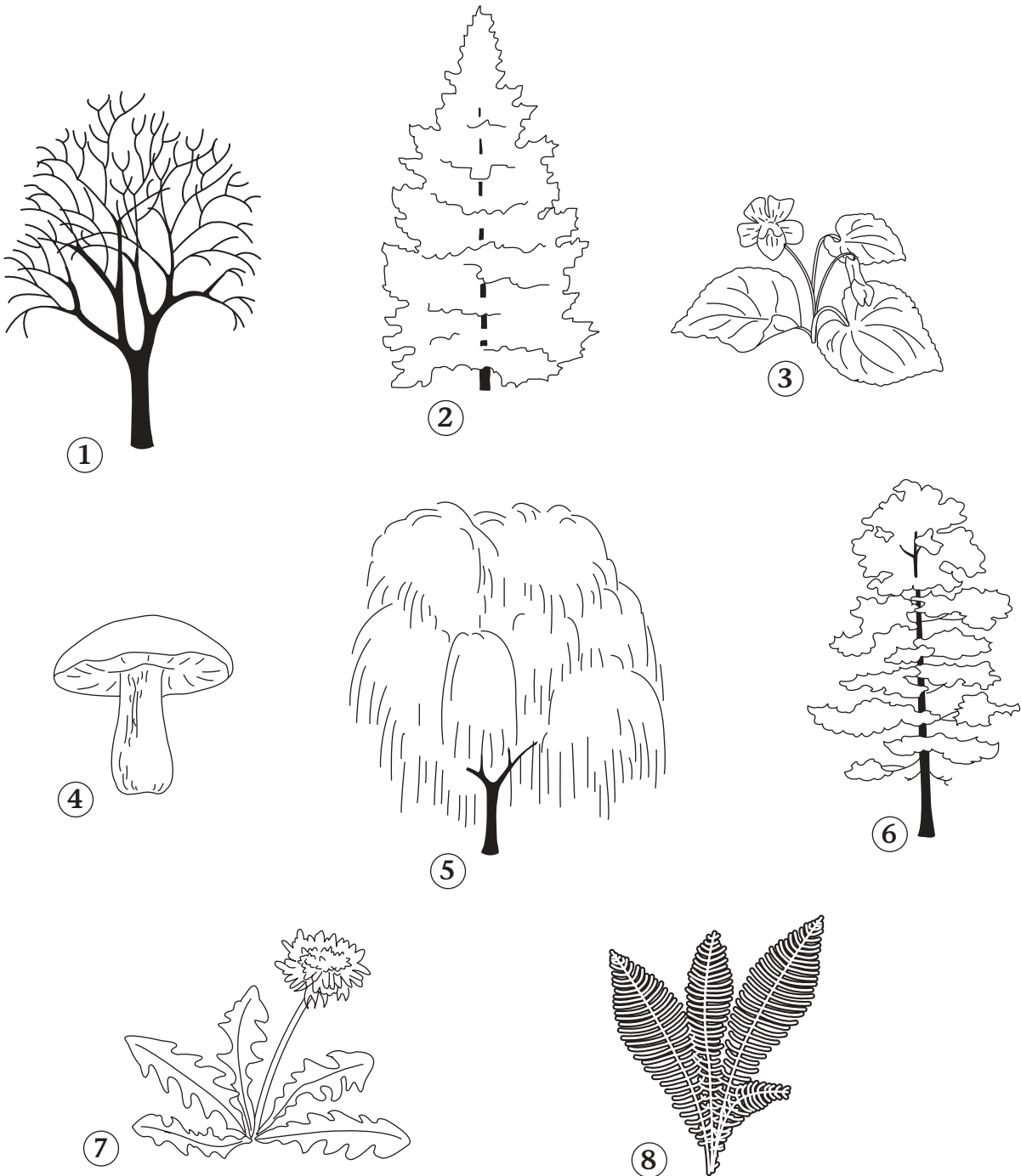
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A tree is a large woody plant with a single main stem, called a trunk. It has branches and leaves and is usually tall.

Look at each picture below.

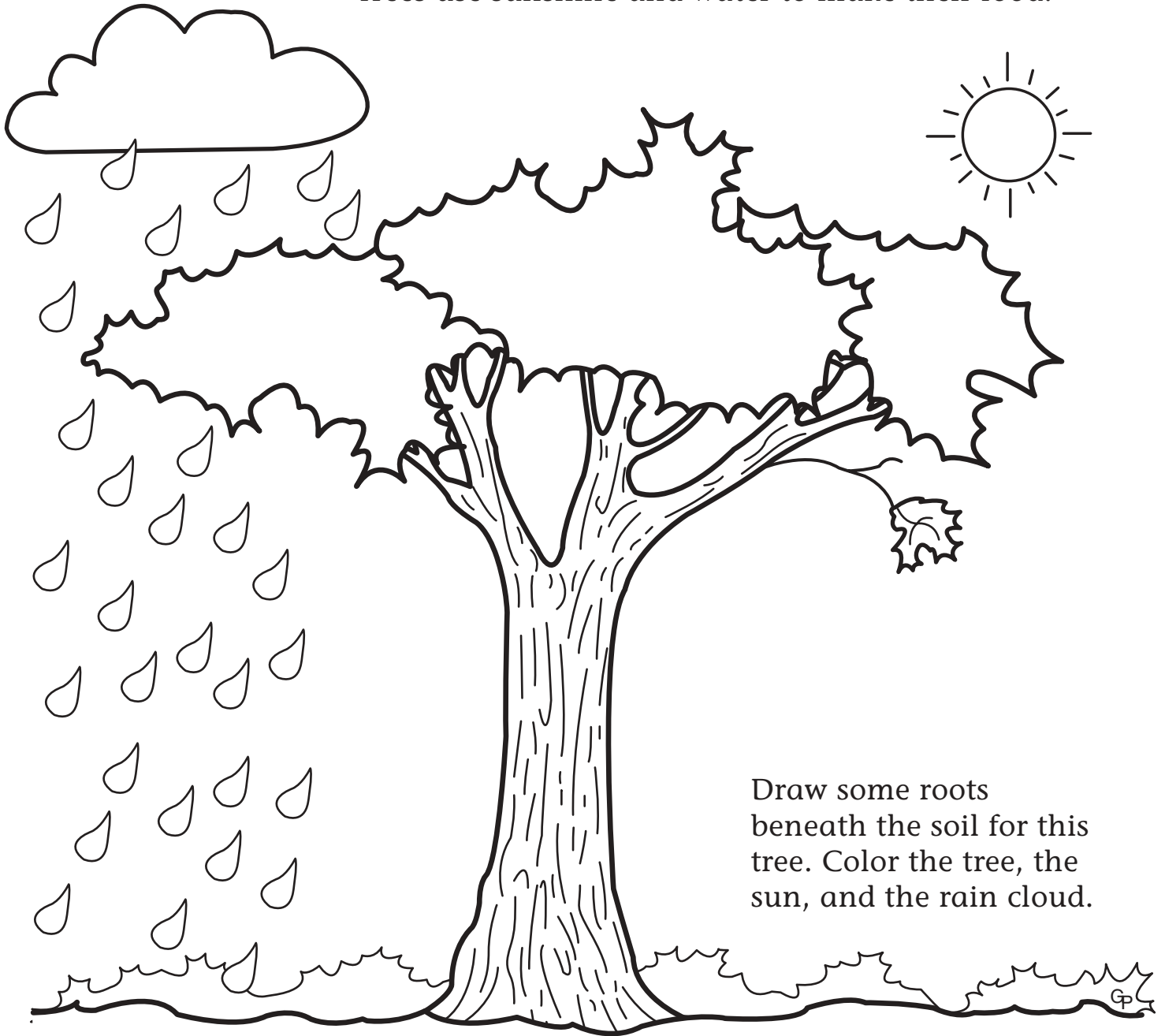
If you see a tree, draw a circle around it.

Draw an "x" through anything that is not a tree.



Numbers 1, 2, 5 and 6 are trees.

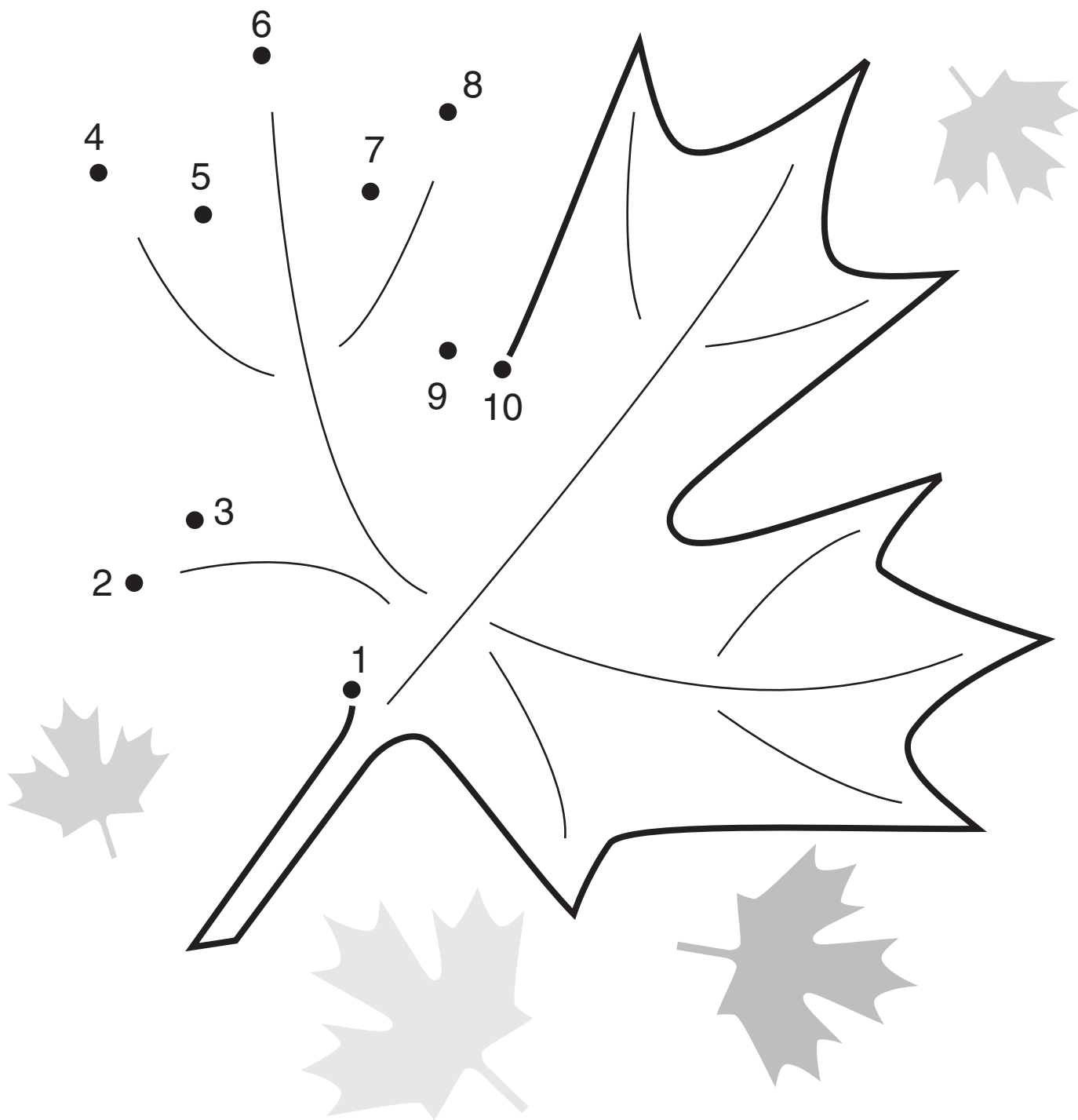
Trees use sunshine and water to make their food.



Draw some roots
beneath the soil for this
tree. Color the tree, the
sun, and the rain cloud.

Water enters trees
through tiny hairs
on tree roots.

Draw a line from dot to dot.



Congratulations, you just drew a leaf from Wisconsin's state tree, the sugar maple! People use sap from the sugar maple to make maple syrup. What kind of food do you put maple syrup on?

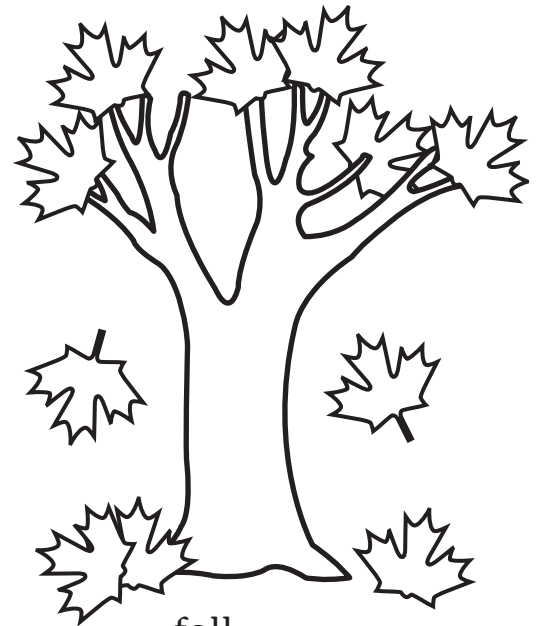
Some trees, like maples, change with every season.
Can you match the description with the right picture?



winter

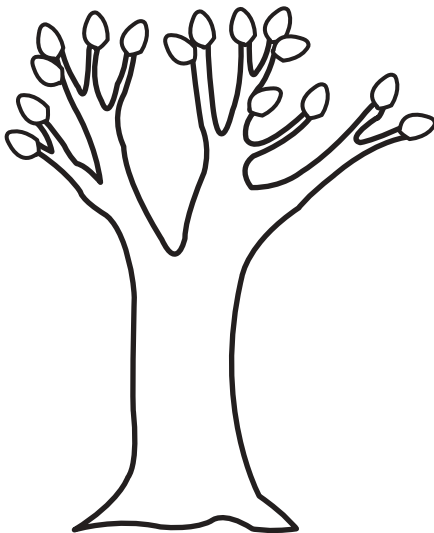
Sap starts to run through the tree. People make maple syrup out of the sap. Buds and flowers appear on the tree. What season is it?

Big, green leaves fill the maple tree. They give us shade. What season is it?



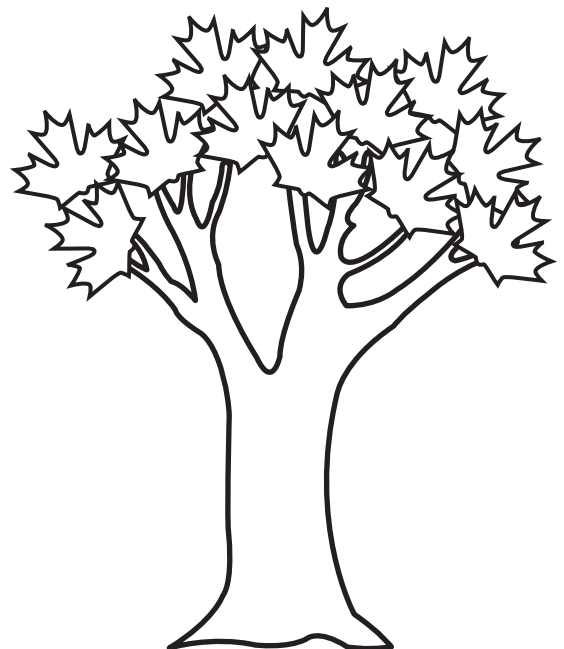
fall

The leaves on a sugar maple turn bright yellow. Soon they will die and fall to the ground. What season is it?



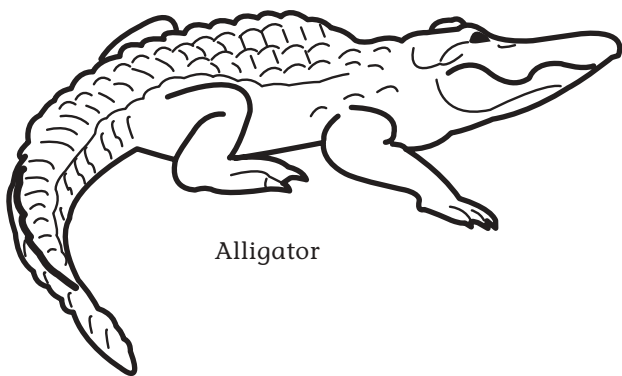
spring

The leaves are gone from the tree. The branches are bare. What season is it?

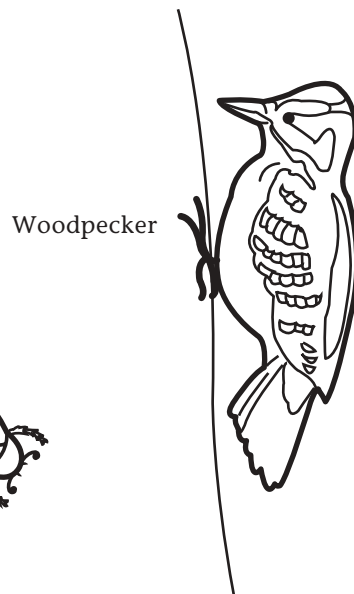


summer

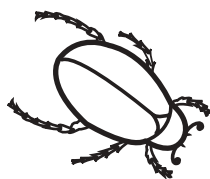
Forests are homes to many animals. Circle the animals that live in forests.
What other animals make their home in the forest?
Color your favorite animals.



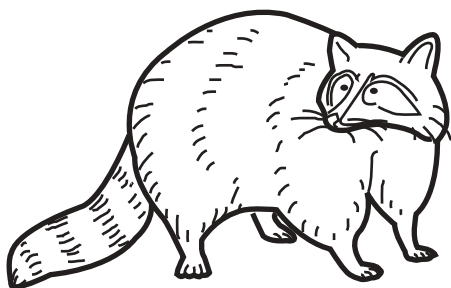
Alligator



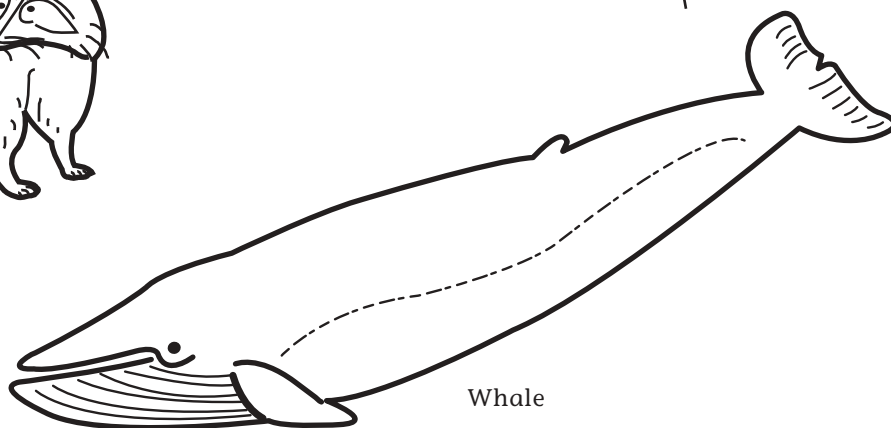
Woodpecker



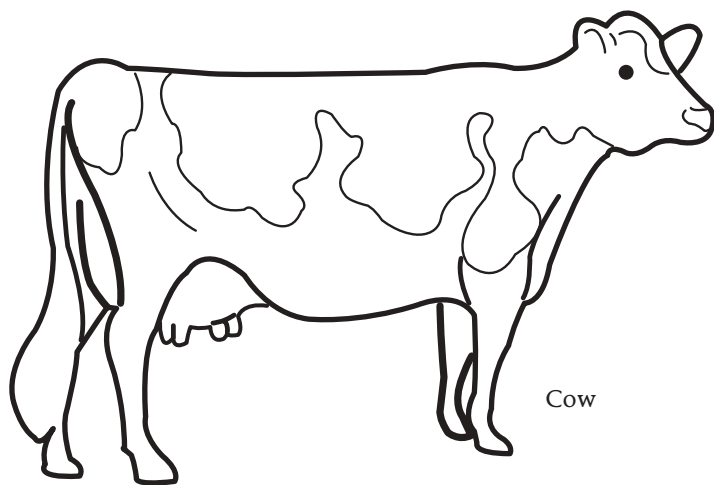
Beetle



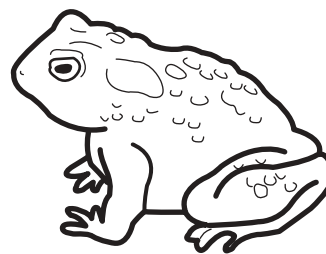
Raccoon



Whale



Cow

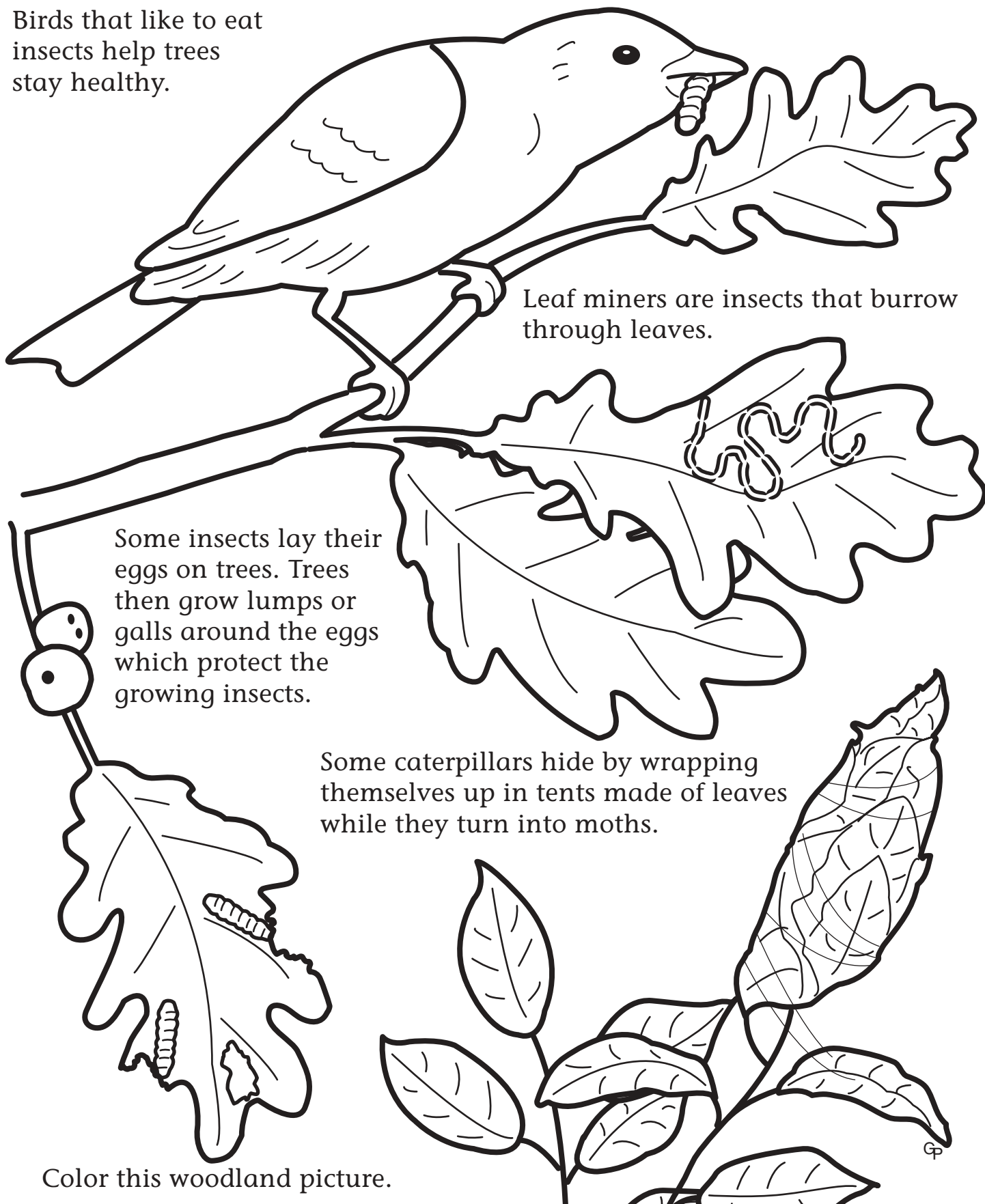


Toad

Answers: Woodpecker, Beetle, Raccoon, Toad

Trees provide food and homes for many insects.

Birds that like to eat
insects help trees
stay healthy.



Leaf miners are insects that burrow
through leaves.

Some insects lay their
eggs on trees. Trees
then grow lumps or
galls around the eggs
which protect the
growing insects.

Some caterpillars hide by wrapping
themselves up in tents made of leaves
while they turn into moths.

Color this woodland picture.

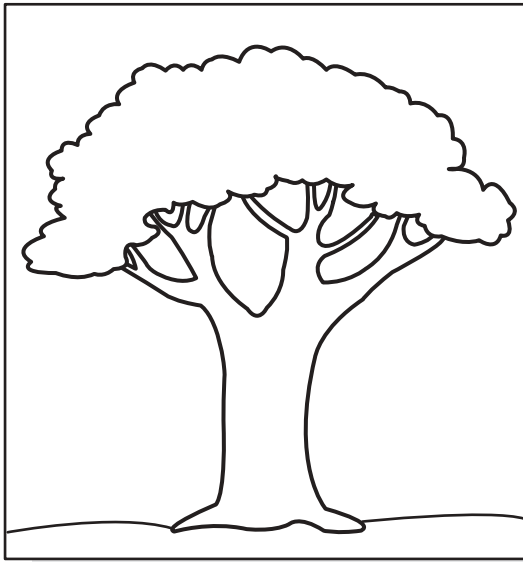
Oak trees make seeds called acorns. A buried acorn may sprout and grow into an oak seedling. A young oak grows very slowly. Some day it will grow to be a giant oak tree.

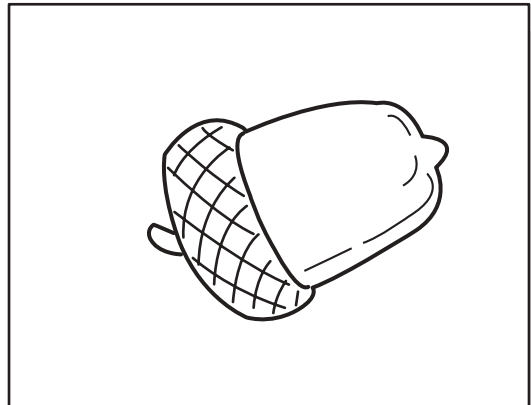
Number 1 is under the picture that should be first.

Put number 2 under the picture that should come next.

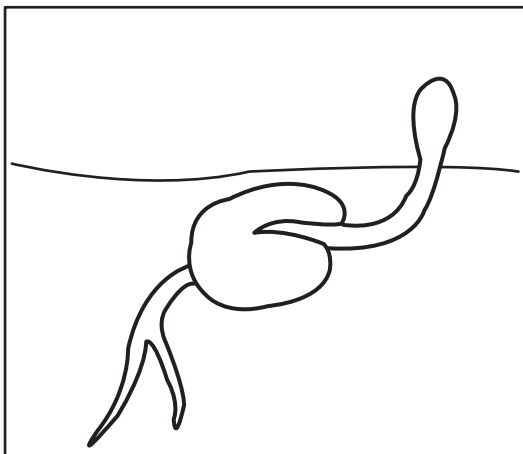
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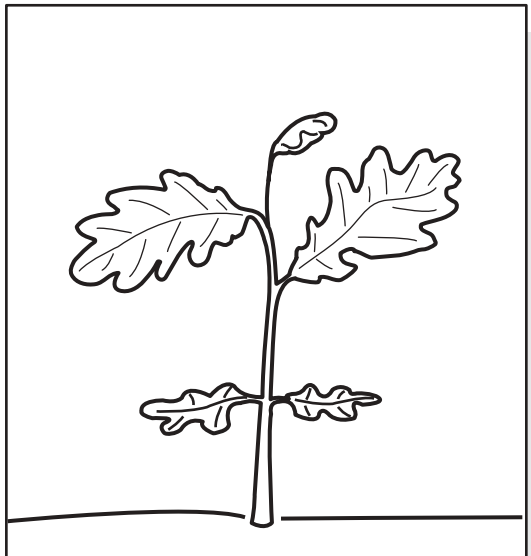
Put number 4 under the picture that should be last.





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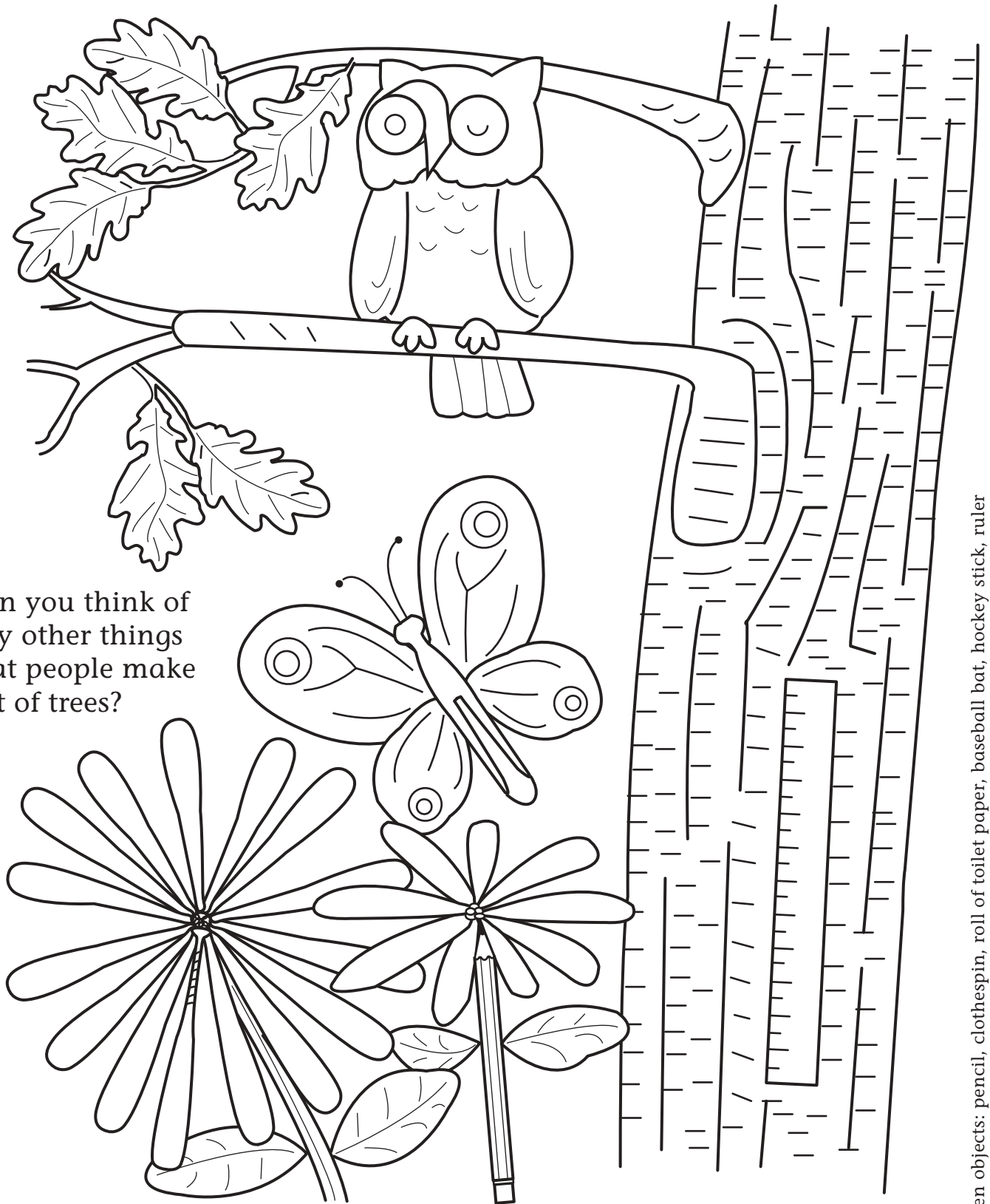




Can you find an acorn near your home or school?

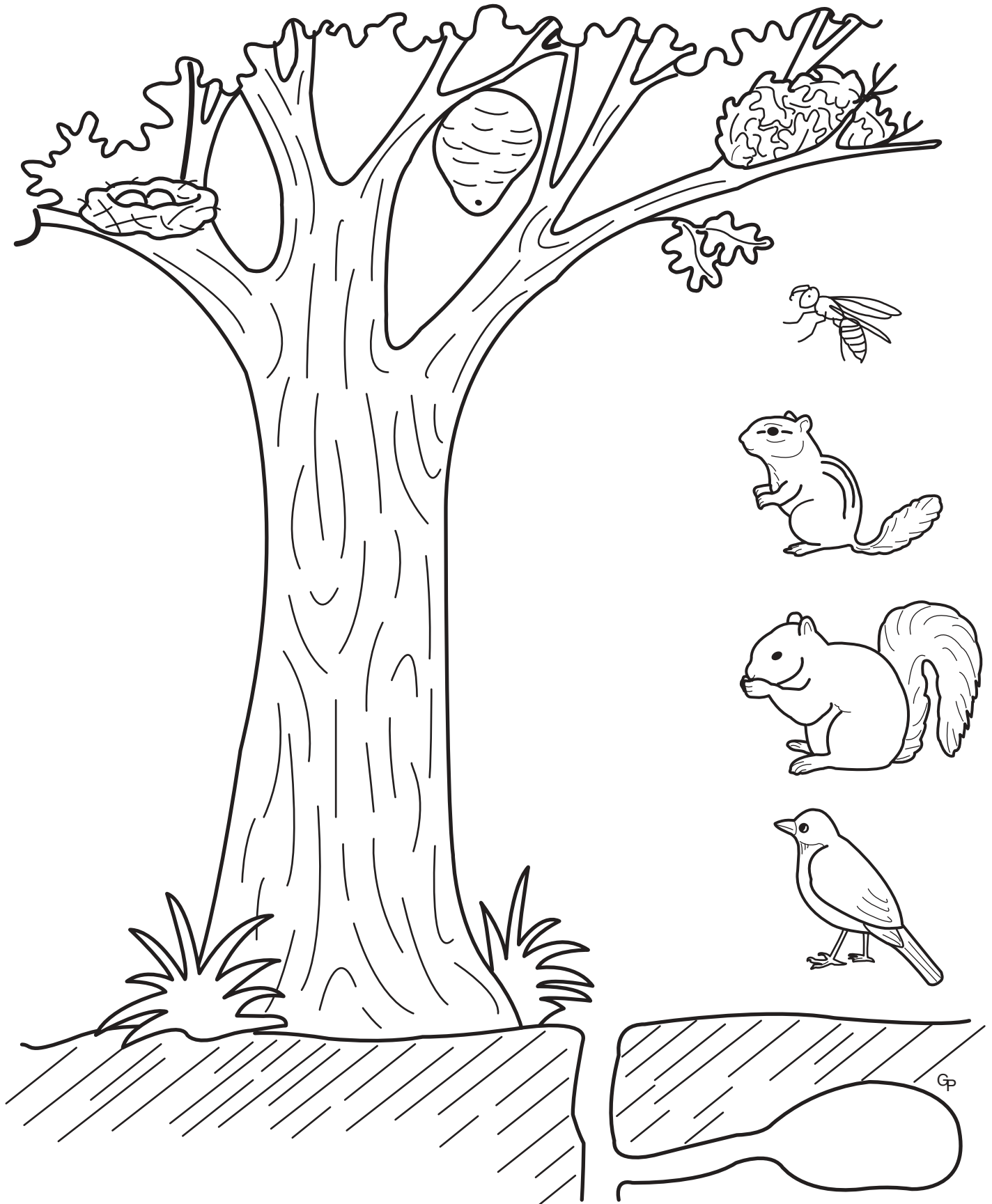
After trees have been cut down, people can make many useful things out of them. Can you find some hidden in this picture? There are six.

Can you think of any other things that people make out of trees?



Hidden objects: pencil, clothespin, roll of toilet paper, baseball bat, hockey stick, ruler

Many animals live in forests. Draw a line from each animal to its home.



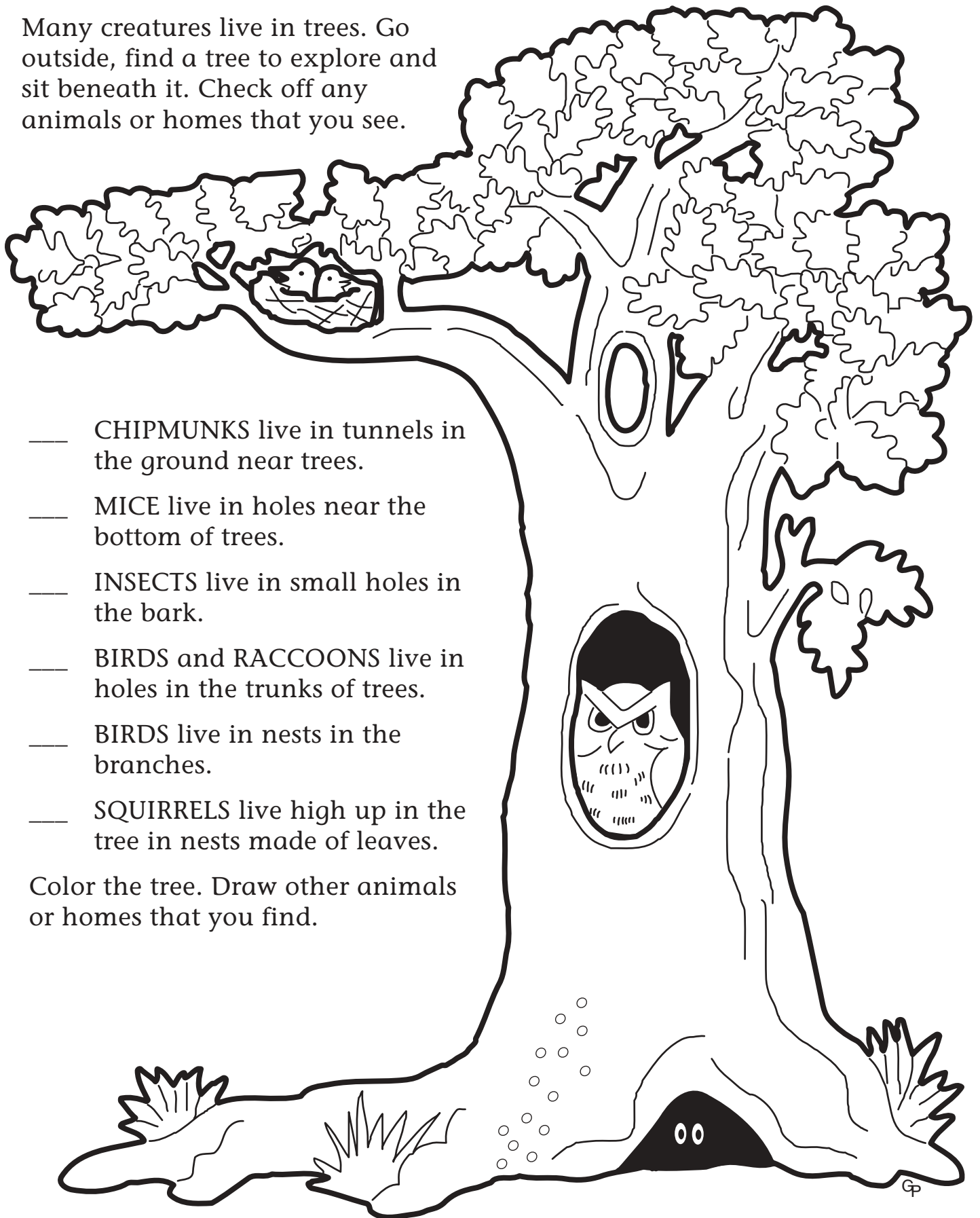
Trees are living things. We must treat them kindly so they can stay healthy.
What is wrong with this picture? Circle the four mistakes.



Answers:

carving on tree
lantern on tree
breaking limb off tree
hatchet in tree

Many creatures live in trees. Go outside, find a tree to explore and sit beneath it. Check off any animals or homes that you see.



- ___ CHIPMUNKS live in tunnels in the ground near trees.
- ___ MICE live in holes near the bottom of trees.
- ___ INSECTS live in small holes in the bark.
- ___ BIRDS and RACCOONS live in holes in the trunks of trees.
- ___ BIRDS live in nests in the branches.
- ___ SQUIRRELS live high up in the tree in nests made of leaves.

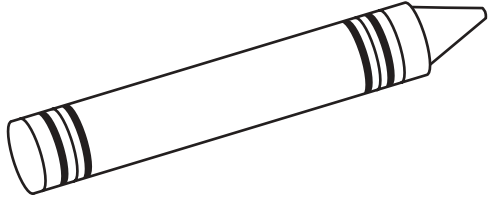
Color the tree. Draw other animals or homes that you find.

We use trees every day. We cut some trees to get wood for houses, furniture, telephone poles and baseball bats! Trees give us food like apples. Trees give us paper. In this picture, circle the things we get from trees.



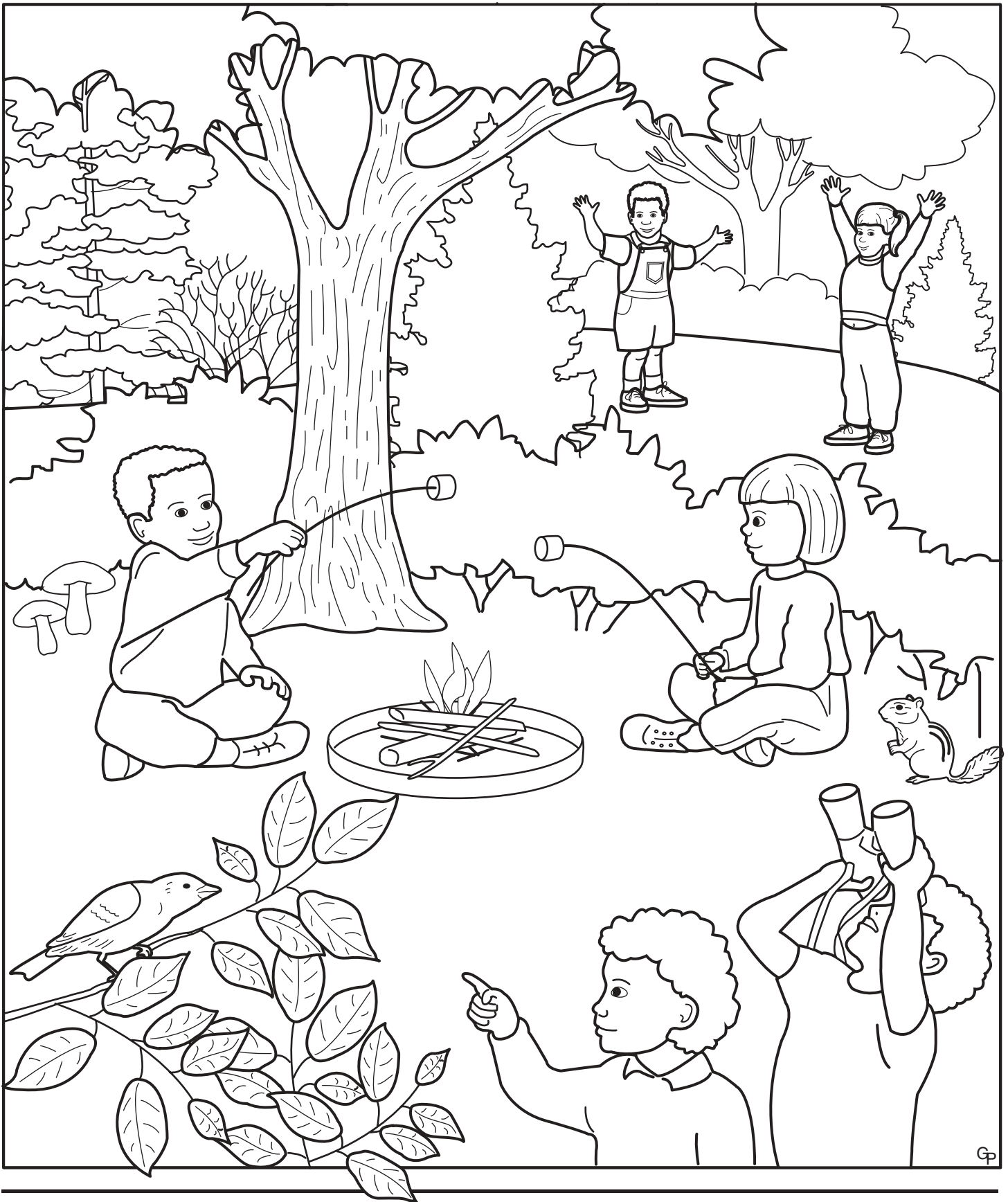
Can you think of how trees help you in your own home?

You can make pictures from leaves. Rough leaves work best. Put a leaf with its smooth side down under this page. Rub over the paper with the side of your crayon.



You've just made a leaf rubbing!

Color this picture showing children enjoying themselves in the woods.
Which forest activity have you enjoyed?



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